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RE: CRRSA Contract #21KSKSCC5 CCDF Covid Supplemental - Our fund 55551 = \$28,009
: Planned Use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Report.

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We have not yet decided how we plan to use our CRRSA allocations. We will continue to monitor the status of COVID and its impacts on the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

One expectation is that we may well be dealing with COVID for another 10 to 12 months. We will look for yet undefined needs to drive the strategic planning that will define how these funds will be utilized.

We are open to suggestions from the funding agency staff to help us identify "best practices" that would result in sound utilization of these CCDF funds.

We recognize that there may well be contract funds left un-spent at the 9-30-2023 conclusion of this contract. If so, we will look to the funding agency to clarify how any un-used funds should be processed for return.

#1) We recognize that the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) allocated supplemental funding for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The short time from (60 days) from enactment has not provided us sufficient time to clarify specific needs.

#2) As we move into the coming months, we intend to utilize the HHS Report Requirements format to review the following:

#2.1) Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies): Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

#2.2) Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices: Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line

with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

#2.3) Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers:

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

#2.4) Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic: As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

#2.5) Other: Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

#3) Timeline for finalizing those plans: We will work with Amy Stevens and staff to clarify grant timelines and to identify a workable time line that will allow us to get our CCDF program (a start-up/new venture for us) in place and then determine what roll these CRRSA (Covid supplemental) funds might play in meeting the Child Care needs of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

#4) Additional guidance is needed to finalize plans: We look to work with Amy Stevens and staff to review opportunities and alternatives.

We recognize that actual use of CRRSA funds may differ from what is reported in these tentative plans. Final use of funds will be provided through a separate report that is due by October 31, 2022. We will be looking for additional information about the October 31, 2022, report that HHS will be making available closer to the reporting deadline.

Thanks. 2-25-2021

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